

KANSAS CITY MUSEUM

AT CORINTHIAN HALL

Your City at Work Corinthian Hall Restoration

The Kansas City Museum is undergoing an extensive renovation and restoration. This is the first comprehensive plan for capital improvements in the building's 100+ year history.

In 2005-6 the City of Kansas City, Missouri, owner of the site since 1948, initiated a multi-year, phased, site-wide renovation and rehabilitation of the buildings and grounds. The City has funded all capital improvements to date. This investment wisely ensures preservation for future generations of the historically important, and architecturally significant, Corinthian Hall.

The Museum's professional staff has maintained their active presence on the site and has not missed a day of public service! While Corinthian Hall and the Carriage House are temporarily unavailable to regular foot traffic, the Visitor Center and the StoryTarium (formerly the Planetarium) remain open throughout the restoration. A new outdoor panel exhibit on the perimeter of the museum grounds provides visitors with accessible walking tours and educational information. Two additional informational exhibits document the historic interiors and the Museum's future plans.

These and other ongoing activities aim to fulfill the museum's mission, maintain a positive public presence in the surrounding Museum neighborhoods in the Historic Northeast (Scarritt-Renaissance, Indian Mound and Pendleton Heights) and to sustain high public awareness of the Kansas City Museum and Corinthian Hall.



The Salon, during artifact evacuation, Spring 2008. Artifacts were removed to storage during the restoration project.



Mom and kids enjoy time together at Family Fun Day, a regular Museum activity.



Museum staff lead discussions of the ongoing restoration during regularly-scheduled Hard Hat Tours.



Professional artisan, with Uroglass Design, at work on restoration of the leaded glass panels of the Breakfast Room, Spring 2009.



Workers installing new mahogany window frame on the North façade of Corinthian Hall, early Spring 2009. The carved ornament represents the demi-god Hercules.



Steel I-beam being 'flown' into the attic of Corinthian Hall. The metal was used to build a support platform for new air handling units. Spring 2010.

The renovation process began in 1996 when the first important architectural survey of Corinthian Hall was conducted by Claybaugh Preservation Architecture. The survey took account of the effects of age and change on the condition of the house and outbuildings, and explored the possibilities of rehabilitation.

The current restoration project has included roof and masonry repairs, replacement of exterior windows and doors in the residence and carriage house, installation of HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) and major mechanical improvements to electrical and plumbing systems. These extensive efforts, that have included additional steps to reduce lead and asbestos inside Corinthian Hall, have required all the museum's collections to be temporarily removed to storage until completion of the project.

The phases of work include:

- roof and masonry repairs to Corinthian Hall *completed 2006*
- demolition of non-original construction *completed 2008*
- restoration of the major art-glass *completed 2009*
- replacement of all exterior windows and doors *completed 2010*
- installation of modern climate controls *completed 2011*
- interior finishes *schedule pending*

Though current renovations pose unique challenges to public service, the potential for growth and new life in the museum is tremendous. Not only is Corinthian Hall being repaired and revitalized, the project allows for the Museum to redesign new exhibitions that meaningfully explore Kansas City history and expand our capacity to serve the citizens of Kansas City.



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Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday:
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: noon - 4 p.m.



During the Museum restoration we will continue to maintain regular operating hours and admission to most programs and the site are FREE.

Visitors to the Kansas City Museum site should enter the site at the North Gate. Follow the arrows and park on the street.



Take a Hard Hat Tour!
See a current schedule and view all our educational opportunities at **kansascitymuseum.org**.



Team of workers who installed HVAC at Corinthian Hall, Summer 2010.



View of the attic of Corinthian Hall, showing installation of ductwork delivering conditioned air to the house for the first time in its century-plus history.



A portion of the roof deck at Corinthian Hall has been opened to receive one of the new air handling units. The 9 vertical 'slots' are manifolds that direct conditioned air to the 3rd and 2nd floors. Similar equipment was installed in the basement to serve the 1st floor.